

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A tester for testing for explosives associated with a test location, comprising:

    a first explosives detecting reagent;

    a first reagent holder and dispenser, said first reagent holder and dispenser containing said first explosives detecting reagent;

    a second explosives detecting reagent;

    a second reagent holder and dispenser containing said second explosives detecting reagent;

    a sample collection unit for exposure to said test location, exposure to said first explosives detecting reagent, and exposure to said second explosives detecting reagent; and

    an environmental unit for receiving said sample collection unit and processing said sample collection unit for testing the test location for the explosives, said environmental unit being a heater or dryer for heating said sample collection unit.

2. (Original) The tester of claim 1 wherein said environmental unit is a heater.

3. (Original) The tester of claim 1 wherein said environmental unit is a dryer.

4. (Original) The tester of claim 1 wherein said environmental unit is a heater and dryer.

5. (Original) The tester of claim 1 wherein said environmental unit is a chemical heater.

6. (Original) The tester of claim 1 wherein said environmental unit is an electric heater.

7. (Original) The tester of claim 6 including a heating pad.
8. (Original) The tester of claim 6 including a receiving unit for receiving said sample collection unit.
9. (Original) The tester of claim 6 including a heating pad and a receiving unit for receiving said sample collection unit.
10. (Original) The tester of claim 6 including a battery for providing power to said heater.
11. (Original) The tester of claim 6 including a switch for controlling said heater.
12. (Original) The tester of claim 6 including a battery for providing power to said heater and a switch for controlling said heater.
13. (Previously Presented) A tester for testing for explosives associated with a test location, comprising:
  - a tester body;
  - a first reagent for detecting explosives;
  - a first reagent container for receiving said first reagent means;
  - a second reagent for detecting explosives;
  - a second reagent container for receiving said second reagent means;
  - a flat disk sample collection pad for exposure to said test location, exposure to said first explosives detecting reagent, and exposure to said second explosives detecting reagent, said flat disk sample collection pad operatively connected to said tester body,
  - wherein said first reagent container is operatively connected to said body and positioned to deliver said first reagent to said flat disk sample collection pad,
  - wherein said second reagent container is operatively connected to said body and positioned to deliver said second reagent to said flat disk sample collection pad; and

an environmental means for receiving said flat disk sample collection pad, said environmental means being a heater or a dryer operatively connected to said tester body for heating or drying said flat disk sample collection pad and testing the test location for the explosives.

14. (Original) The tester of claim 13 wherein said environmental means is a heater.

15. (Original) The tester of claim 13 wherein said environmental means is a dryer.

16. (Original) The tester of claim 13 wherein said environmental means is a heater and dryer.

17. (Original) The tester of claim 13 wherein said environmental means is a chemical heater.

18. (Original) The tester of claim 13 wherein said environmental means is an electric heater.

19. (Original) The tester of claim 18 including a heating pad.

20. (Previously Presented) The tester of claim 18 including a receiving unit for receiving said flat disk sample collection pad.

21. (Previously Presented) The tester of claim 18 including a heating pad and a receiving unit for receiving said flat disk sample collection pad.

22. (Original) The tester of claim 18 including a battery for providing power to said heater.

23. (Original) The tester of claim 18 including a switch for controlling said heater.

24. (Original) The tester of claim 18 including a battery for providing power to said heater and a switch for controlling said heater.

25. (Withdrawn) A method of testing for explosives associated with a test location, comprising the steps of:

exposing a sample collection unit to the test location;  
depositing a first explosives detecting reagent from a first reagent holder and dispenser onto said sample collection unit, if the sample collection unit becomes colored, it's positive for explosives, if no color appears then additional steps are performed;

activating an environmental unit for processing said sample collection unit for testing the test location for the explosives;

positioning said sample collection unit in said environmental unit, if a color appears on the sample collection unit 110, it's positive for explosives, if no color appears then additional steps are performed;

depositing a second explosives detecting reagent from second reagent holder and dispenser onto said sample collection unit, if the sample collection unit becomes colored, it's positive for explosives, if no color appears then the test is negative for explosives.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of testing for explosives of claim 25 including the steps of:

activating an environmental unit;  
said sample collection unit, after is has been exposed to said second explosives detecting reagent, is positioned in said environmental unit, if a color appears on said sample collection unit, it's positive for explosives, if no color appears then the test is negative for explosives.